

Amendments to Claims

I claim:

1. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in [a] said non-movable sash member ~~sash stile sliding member~~, said housing including a cavity, formed by a face plate a front wall and a rear wall and a first and second sidewall joining said front and rear wall and extending from said face plate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof, said tumbler further including a recessed portion for receiving an end of a spring;

a pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of [the] said ~~sash stile~~ non-movable sash member to prevent movement of [the] said sliding sash member ~~sash stile~~ [past] passed the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where [the] said ~~sash stile~~ sliding sash member can be moved [past] passed the tumbler;

[a] said spring is used for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

a release member that has a first position ~~for causing~~ wherein said first position allows said tumbler to pivot ~~be in a~~ to said extended position, and a second position wherein said second position ~~for causing~~ confines said tumbler ~~to be retained~~ in [a] said retracted position;

and a button, disposed on the face plate of said housing so it is accessible when said housing is disposed in a recess, which when pressed causes said release member to move from said second position to said first position thereby causing said tumbler to be in a extended

position.

2. (Original) A window vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the release member pivots.

3. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 2 wherein said release member has a head and the tumbler has a tip and wherein the tumbler is in a lowered position when said head contacts said tip.

4. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 3 wherein said button has a pin that contacts a face on said release member when said button is pushed.

5-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in said non-movable sash member, said housing including a cavity formed by a faceplate and first and second side walls extending from said faceplate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof, said tumbler further including a recessed portion for receiving an end of a spring;

pivot means extending from at least one of said first and second sidewalls for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position, and a

retracted position within said cavity,

[a] said spring is used for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

and a release member ~~for causing~~ wherein said release member allows said tumbler to pivot outwardly ~~be in a~~ to an extended position and pivot inwardly to a retracted position; wherein said release member has a head that contacts said tumbler when said tumbler is in a retracted position and does not contact said tumbler when said tumbler is in a extended position.

10-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The window vent stop according to claim 9 further comprising at least one retaining member extending from at least one side of said tumbler, wherein said retaining member is recieved by a recess in the said side wall of said housing.

15. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in ~~a sash stile~~ said non-movable sash member, said housing including a cavity formed by a faceplate a front wall and a rear wall and first and second side walls extending from said faceplate and connecting said front wall and said rear wall;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof, said tumbler further including a recessed portion for receiving an end of a spring;

a pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between

an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of ~~the sash stile~~ said non-movable sash member to prevent movement of [the] ~~sash stile~~ said sliding sash member [past] passed the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where [the] ~~sash stile~~ said sliding sash member can be moved [past] passed the tumbler;

[a] said spring is used for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

a pair of retaining members extending from the sides of said tumbler, which dictate the maximum extended position of said tumbler, wherein said retaining members mesh with a pair of complementary recessed tracks in said side walls;

a release member that has a first position ~~for causing~~ wherein said first position allows said tumbler to pivot ~~be in a~~ to said extended position, and a second position wherein said second position ~~for causing~~ confines said tumbler ~~to be retained~~ in [a] said retracted position;

and a button, disposed on the front face of said housing so it is accessible when said housing is disposed in a recess, which when pressed in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the front face, causes said release member to move from said second position to said first position thereby causing said tumbler to be in a extended position.

16. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 15 wherein the release member pivots.

17. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 16 wherein said release member has a head and the tumbler has a tip and wherein the tumbler is in a lowered position when said head contacts said tip.

18. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 17 wherein said button has a pin that contacts a face on said release member when said button is pushed.

19. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 18 wherein said tumbler can be retracted without depressing said button.

20. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in ~~said sliding member~~ said non-movable sash member, said housing including a cavity formed by a faceplate a front wall and a rear wall and first and second side walls extending from said faceplate and extending from said front wall and said rear wall;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof;

pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of [the] said sliding member non-movable sash member to prevent movement of [the] ~~sliding member~~ said sliding sash member [past] passed the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where [the] said sliding member sliding sash member can be moved [past] passed the tumbler;

a spring for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

a release member that has a first position ~~for causing~~ wherein said first position allows

said tumbler to pivot ~~be in a~~ to said extended position, and a second position wherein said
second position ~~for causing~~ confines said tumbler ~~to be retained~~ in [a] said retracted position;

and a button, disposed on the front face of said housing so it is accessible when said housing is disposed in a recess, which when pressed in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the front face, causes said release member to move from said second position to said first position thereby causing said tumbler to be in a extended position, said tumbler may be returned to the retracted position by pressing said tumbler into said housing, without said button being pressed.

21. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 20 wherein the release member pivots.

22. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 21 wherein said release member has a head and the tumbler has a tip and wherein the tumbler is in a lowered position when said head contacts said tip.

23. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 22 wherein said button has a pin that contacts a face on said release member when said button is pushed.

24. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in said non-movable sash member, said

housing including a cavity formed by a faceplate a front wall and a rear wall and first and second side walls extending from said faceplate and extending from said front wall and said rear wall;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof, said tumbler further including a recessed portion for receiving a spring;

pivot means extending from at least one of said first and second sidewalls for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position, and a retracted position within said cavity,

[a] said spring is used for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

and a release member ~~for causing~~ wherein said release member allows said tumbler to pivot outwardly ~~be in a~~ to an extended position and pivot inwardly to a retracted position; wherein said release member has a head that contacts said tumbler when said tumbler is in a retracted position and does not contact said tumbler when said tumbler is in a extended position.

25. (Previously presented) The window vent stop according to claim 24 further comprising a pair recessed tracks on either side of said tumbler, wherein said recessed tracks mesh with a pair of complementary protrusions from the first and second side walls of the housing.

26. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in ~~a sash stile~~ said non-movable sash member, said housing including a cavity formed by a face plate a front wall and a rear wall and a first and second sidewall joining said front and rear wall extending from said face plate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof, said tumbler further including a recessed portion for receiving an end of a spring;

a pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of the sash stile to prevent movement of the sash stile past the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where the sash stile can be moved past the tumbler;

[a] said spring is used for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

a release member that has a first position ~~for causing~~ wherein said first position allows said tumbler to pivot ~~be in a~~ to said extended position, and a second position wherein said second position ~~for causing~~ confines said tumbler ~~to be retained~~ in [a] said retracted position;

27. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 26 further comprising a button, disposed on the face plate of said housing so it is accessible when said housing is disposed in a recess, which when pressed inwardly causes said release member to move from said second position to said first position thereby causing said tumbler to be in a extended position.

28. (Currently amended) A window vent stop for use with a non-movable sash member, and a sliding sash member, comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in ~~a sash stile~~ said non-movable sash member, said housing including a cavity formed by a face plate a front wall and a rear wall and a first and second sidewall joining said front and rear wall extending from said face plate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof, said tumbler further including a recessed portion for receiving an end of a spring;

a pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of ~~the sash stile~~ said non-movable sash member to prevent movement of [the] ~~sash stile~~ said sliding sash member [past] passed the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where [the] ~~sash stile~~ said sliding sash member can be moved [past] passed the tumbler;

[a] said spring is used for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

a release member that has a first position ~~for causing~~ wherein said first position allows said tumbler to pivot ~~be in a~~ to said extended position, and a second position wherein said second position ~~for causing~~ confines said tumbler ~~to be retained~~ in [a] said retracted position;

and a button which when pressed causes said release member to move from said second position to said first position thereby causing said tumbler to be in a extended position.

29. (Previously presented) A window vent stop according to claim 28 wherein said end of said spring has a ring which receives a protrusion in said recess in said tumbler.